(3) Increasing productivity;

(4) Increased vegetable production;

(5) Development of horticulture in arid zones; and

(6) Integrated development of horticulture industry including post harvest handling marketing and export.

Additional storage capacity during the Seventh Five Year Plan

*452. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed the requirement for additional storage capacity for foodgrains during the Seventh Five-Year Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what steps are being taken to provide more storage capacity to prevent foodgrain losses;

(d) whether Government propose to seek assistance from the World Bank in this regard, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what steps are being taken for the immediate solution of the problem?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) As on 1.7.1985, the covered storage capacity with the Food Corporation of India and State agencies for foodgrains is estimated at about 23.80 million tonnes. On the basis of the existing foodgrain stock of 29.17 million tonnes, the total requirement of storage capacity for foodgrains works out to about 34.00 million tonnes.

The stock level and therefore the storage capacity required to hold it through the Seventh Five Year Plan would depend on the production, procurement and distribution in the coming years.

(c) and (e) An outlay of Rs. 240.00 crores has been provided for construction of additional storage capacity during the Seventh Five Year Plan period. This would enable an additional capacity of about '.00 million tonnes to be constructed during the Plan period, of which about 4.00 million tonnes would be available for foodgrains.

As an immediate solution to the problem (i) the Food Corporation of India has been making efforts to hire additional storage capacity from various sources; (ii) efforts are on to step up the utilisation of the available storage capacity by increasing stack height, reducing alleyways, etc.; and (ii) arrangements have been made to keep the stocks under cover-and-plinth (CAP) arrangement with adequate precautions to protect them against losses.

(d) A project for construction of storage capacity of 53.90 lakh tonnes at an estimated cost of Rs. 373.85 crores has been posed by the Government to the World Bank for financial assistance. The reaction of the World Bank to the proposal is still awaited.

Complaints against Overseas Engineering and Construction Corporation Delhi

*453. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 139 workers recruited by the Overseas Engineering and Construction Corporation, Delhi have been repatriated from Libya recently;

(b) if so, what are the reason for their repatriation;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the worker have not been paid till today any salary from the time they joined duty in Libya;